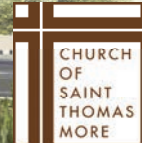


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

September 16, 2012 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Lift High the Cross of Christ!

This past Friday, September 14, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Here are some thoughts upon the cross which is at the heart of our faith as Christians.

The Cross is the major symbol of Christians. It is on the foundation of the cross that our faith is built.

The Cross and Jesus' approach to it shows us the way in which we are to approach our crosses whatever they may be.

Jesus had a choice. He could either embrace his cross or run away from it. In faith, trusting in the Father, he embraced the cross. He did not fight it, resist it, or run away from it. He surrendered. In that faithful surrender and embrace of the Cross, evil was transformed and changed into Good News—the Resurrection—new life, new hope, and new beginnings for the entire universe!

We human beings spend so much time running away from the crosses that come into our lives. We deny them. We pretend and

lie to others that they do not exist. We medicate them. We abandon them. In all these ways, though, they are still there.

The suffering, the pain, the illness, the death, or the sin is still very much present. The more we try to ignore or run away from our crosses, the more ill health, physically, emotionally, and spiritually we cause for ourselves and others.

It is only in our embrace of the cross that transformation and healing can take place.

When we acknowledge and embrace our crosses and lift them high in faith, they become the very instruments that bring new life, new hope, and new beginnings. The instrument of death becomes the instrument of life.

M. Scott Peck writes, "I cannot be any more specific about the methodology of love than to quote these words of an old priest

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More than 50 men have registered for *That Man Is You*, meeting on Saturdays at 6:45am! You can still join them—contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x132.

Check the *Calenar Highlights* on page 2 each week for a quick list of upcoming activities at our Parish. For more details, visit www.stmoside.org and click on Schedules and Calendars.



Our Mission is to: worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,
Director of Faith Formation,
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

*For further information, contact Chris Smith,
Director of Stewardship and Development,
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.
You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

Since 2006 we have netted over \$25,500
from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

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who spent many years in the battle: 'There are dozens of ways to deal with evil and several ways to conquer it. All of them are facets of the truth that the only ultimate way to conquer evil is to let it be smothered within a willing, living human being. When it is absorbed there like blood in a sponge or a spear into one's heart, it loses its power and goes no further.' The healing of evil—scientifically or otherwise—can be accomplished only by the love of individuals. A willing sacrifice is required...I do not know how this occurs. But I know that it does...Whenever this happens there is a slight shift in the balance of power in the world."

Embrace your crosses, unite them to Christ, and lift high the Cross of Christ!

F. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal—So Close!

To date, \$47,702 has been pledged by 373 families, with an average of \$127.89 per family. **We need just \$300 more** to meet our assessment of \$48,000—can you help?

Gifts of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, or more can help us reach our goal!

This annual appeal from the Diocese is our opportunity to "pay it forward" and help other Parishes as we have been helped, as well as support Diocesan charitable outreach and education efforts. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated! Packets are available at the information table on the Plaza.

2012 Missionary Cooperative Appeal/ Office for the Missions

\$5,428.14

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive:

Where Does All That Clothing Go?

What happens to that truck-load of clothing that is collected during the St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive? Volunteers drive the truck to the mission located near Gallup, New Mexico. The donations are sorted by gender, size, and function. Warm jackets and blankets are the most sought-after items. The items are put in a storage room awaiting the big Christmas event.

On the first Saturday of December, over 2,000 adults and children from the Navajo reservation show up at the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School for the free, annual Christmas party and clothing give-away. They are served a complete turkey dinner and then have an opportunity to select much-needed clothing.

Our donated items are spread on tables and families can select clothing that will get them through the bitter winters and sizzling summers. The Mission receives small clothing donations throughout the year, but the **largest quantity**, and the **best quality**, come from the Parishioners of St. Thomas More. Your donations make a difference in the lives of needy families on the Navajo Reservation. Ask your family and friends to save for the November 10-11 clothing drive.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, September 16 (131)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalm 116:1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Monday, September 17 (443)

Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18 (444)

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a
Psalm 100:1-5
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19 (445)

Januarius, bishop, martyr

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Psalm 33:2-5,12,22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20 (446)

Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 21 (643)

Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Ephesians 4:1-9,11-13
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22 (448)

1 Corinthians 15:33-37,42-49
Psalm 50:10-14
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 23 (134)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm 54:3-8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Betty Jean Bielch
The Bosak Family
Lynda Brady
Roy Bristol
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Tom Browne
Anita & Bill Buerger
Bridget Buford
Trinidad Bunuelos
Shelby Campbell
William Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Lolly Cervantes
The Christopherson Family
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
The Darcy Family
Beverly de Gelder
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Brendan Devlin
Ryan Devlin
Judith DiMatteo
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Phyllis & Don Estes
Sharon Evans
Joanne Finnegan
The Fiore Family
Joseph Floryance
Ryan Flum
Larry Fortier
Matthew Foster
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Jack & Marge Gillen
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
Nan Hallbick
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Sue Johnston
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
The Kirk Family
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leue
The Paul Leue Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Chandler May
Ines McGee
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Heidi Olson
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Marilyn Pirkola
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Dan Ryan
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
The Shultz Family
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Beth Snyder
Mike Snyder
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
The Spillane & Gill Families
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
The Stevens & Sawyer Families
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Valerie Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Barbara Upson
Robert Vasquez
Silvana Vettese
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello
Barbara Voelpel
The Voyemant Family
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org,
Schedule and Calendar

- Sept 16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sept 16 RE.A.CH Phase I Orientation for Parents & Teens
- Sept 18 Spirited Seniors' Ice Cream Social
- Sept 22 Sanctuary Choir Retreat
- Sept 22-23 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
- Sept 21-23 Confirmation Retreat
- Sept 23 RE.A.CH Classes
- Sept 23 Scotch Tasting Party
- Sept 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco
- Sept 30 High School RE.A.CH Core Classes
- Sept 30 New Member Reception
- Oct 5 Women's Ministry
- Oct 5 Wine Tasting Party
- Oct 6 Treasures 2012
- Oct 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
- Oct 12-14 Men's Fellowship Retreat
- Oct 14 *What to Do in an Emergency If You Don't Know CPR* Presentation
- Oct 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 23-24 Restaurant Fundraiser at El Torito
- Oct 27 Life Walk in San Diego
- Nov 10-11 St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
- Nov 18 Hymn Festival
- 2013**
- Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception
- Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church Elements
- Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
- June 7 Second Annual STM Gala

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

September 17	Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN
September 18	Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
September 19	Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ
September 20	Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
September 21	Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
September 22	Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
September 23	Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 15, 5:00pm
Charles Young ☩

Sunday, September 16, 8:30am
Ethel Brogan ☩

Sunday, September 16, 10:30am
Robert Ratajczak ☩

Tuesday, September 18, 8:15am
Leo Grassilli ☩

Wednesday, September 19, 8:15am
Joe Sullivan ☩

Thursday, September 20, 8:15am
Judith Ann Nichols ☩

Friday, September 21, 8:15am
Richard Naughton ☩

Saturday, September 22, 5:00pm
Bernard Delaney ☩

Sunday, September 23, 8:30am
Dominic Vienna Jr. ☩

Sunday, September 23, 10:30am
For peace in our hearts, our families,
and the world

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
PFC John Brandone
Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Tyler Timmerman, US Army
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

Welcome New Parishioners

Paul & Tina Calabrese & Family
 Christopher & Lisa Elder & Family
 Jesse & Cynthia Flores & Family
 Phan & Maria Nguyen & Family
 Anthony & Alison Scardino & Family

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Mary & Frank Coxon** in memory of her brothers, Tom & Joe Bricher.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Shirley Darcy, who died on September 4. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 4, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her children, Mark and Christine, and her family in your prayers.

Michael Bosak, who died recently. His funeral services were held last week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

New Member Reception

We are welcoming all new Parishioners who have joined us since February at a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, September 30, after the 10:30am Mass, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in February, please know that you are welcome to attend this one. Please RSVP at 760-758-4100x154 or e-mail: parishoffice@stmoside.org by September 24 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703, e-mail valgene2@cox.net.

STM Scrip News

It's that time of year! Ralph's requires everyone to sign up their Preferred Customer card in order to receive the Community Rewards for St. Thomas More every year in September. Please do this on line or see the folks on the plaza to give you instructions. Once you sign up, all you do is shop, and the Building Fund reaps the benefits.

Check online for an updated Scrip list and online ordering system: www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, then Scrip.

Every Scrip purchase helps the Building Fund!

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Social Ministries/Outreach

STM Parish Social Justice Committee

With the beginning of any new year or season comes the anticipation and excitement of what is to be. Your St. Thomas More Parish Social Justice Committee awaits these challenges and looks forward to working towards furthering the movement of peace and justice within our and other San Diego County communities.

We are happy to be partnering with the JustFaith groups in other parishes along with the Interfaith Committee for Workers Justice (ICWJ), the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) and Catholic Charities.

Our calendars are full as we step forward in activism with immigration programs, our most recent being the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)* Catholic Charities, our SDOP-sponsored meeting emphasizing how Catholic Charities can assist parishes in these efforts, the *Get Out to Vote Campaign*, and the *Vista City Council Candidate Forum* with SDOP, worker justice issues with ICWJ, as well as our commitment to issues as they arise on an individual basis.

We are happy to be supporting the JustFaith extended program for our JustFaith graduates as they embark on this year's program offering informational evenings on faith-based topics. Please watch the bulletin for these important dates. An invitation for participation is extended to each of you.

We thank the 190 plus individuals who participated in our recent Immigration Survey. Chairperson Cathy Blecki will be publishing those follow-up results soon. We thank Cathy, Ann Buko and Lorraine Doering for all of the time and effort put into this project to make it such a success. And, I thank each of our committee members for their dedicated involvement with SDOP, ICWJ, Catholic Charities, and our faith community as a whole.

Your St. Thomas More Parish Social Justice Committee invites you to watch the bulletin for opportunities of participation that may be of interest you. We are always available to answer questions or just chat about who we are and what we do. We look forward to meeting you soon!

—Henrietta Black, Chairperson, Parish Social Justice Committee

Voter Registration

In accordance with Pope Benedict XVI's address to the U.S. Bishops in 2008: "*Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted,*" members of our Parish Social Justice Committee have committed to offer Voter Registration after all the Masses starting next weekend, September 22-23.

Please register if you have moved since the last election, or if you will turn 18 years of age by November 6, 2012.

Kindly consider helping with this ministry and call Evi Quinn 760-434-3710 for information.

Annual Brother Benno's Toiletry and NEW Underwear Drive

On the weekend of September 21-22 we will be conducting a drive for toiletries and NEW underwear for the poor and homeless served by Brother Benno's. The toiletries are used for hygiene packages, use at the center and for distribution to those in need. Look for Deacon Tom's truck before all Masses. Please be generous!

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

That was an exciting event this weekend for the Women's Guild. A very special thank you to the Village Tappers and all the extra dancers and entertainers who came to St. Thomas More to dazzle us with their talent. Everyone enjoyed the show, the lunch, and the social aspects of our first official meeting of the year. Thank you, too, to all those who helped put this event together. It wasn't an easy task.

Looking forward to October, we will have a special meeting for this month as well, so please keep reading the Women's Guild article in the bulletin for more information. The date is Monday, October 8, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. More information to come your way soon.

Also in October we will be holding our semi-annual Bake Sale and our one-time "Small Quilted Items Sale." So watch for time and dates for those events. Our quilted items have all been hand made and we will have new items for sale this year. Remember all those birthdays ahead and Christmas, too!

See you all soon. And, thank you for your participation in our events. —Vera Bayliss, *President*

Free Ice Cream Social

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a **Free Ice Cream Social** on Tuesday, September 18, 6:30-8:00pm, for members and prospective members who are 50 years and older. The deadline for reservations is September 10. Contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00am or Thursday, September 20 at 7:00pm we begin our 14-session study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Romans. These sessions are open to all who would like to spend time in a small group growing in love for the scriptures through study and discussion.

Galatians and Romans are pivotal for those seeking to understand the faith and teaching of the Apostle Paul. Many of Paul's themes are shared by Galatians and Romans, but the tone and length of the two works differ sharply.

Galatians addresses Paul's understanding of Christian freedom and justification by faith. He reprimands the Galatians for deserting the Gospel by seeking justification through circumcision rather than through faith in Christ, who achieved our salvation by his sacrifice on the cross. Romans is the longest of Paul's letters. It addresses the universal reality of sin in the world and the need for salvation in Jesus Christ. It explores both the strength and limits of the law of Moses. Paul examines the new life attained in the Holy Spirit as God's gift and proclaims the mystery of God's plan to save Israel. Romans also highlights the ethical demands of the gospel.

Plan to join us as we discover why the scriptures offer us reasons for hope and joy. For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.



2012 Phase 2.1 "... A Time to Build!"

September 11 Response Statistics

		# of Families Responding
FOUR Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$478,821	655
Still Needed	\$21,179	389
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,044
Total Collected	\$407,209	



† We continue to celebrate **all gifts**, large and small, that help us reach our goal. Thank you!

† Special thanks for our 36 "Adopt a Family" gift donations and to all those households who have increased their dollar amounts in Phase 2.1.

† **We ask the families who have not responded to this campaign to consider donating \$14/month through December. EVERY contribution helps!**

† The success of Phase 2.1 will make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development

760-758-4100 x120 or chris@stmoside.org

Vocations

In this Sunday's Gospel from Mark, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" The question still remains.

If you feel a call to help others find the answer as a priest, deacon, or religious and wish to explore the possibilities, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Treasures 2012

This year's Treasures Flea Market will be **Saturday, October 6**. Save your gently used "treasures" for donation. In the last two years we have raised over \$20,000. Help us turn clutter into cash, garage fodder into gold, and cast-offs into coins! Wait until you see the plant sale. It is shaping up to be another big success with over 45 nurseries donating and counting!

We will need lots of help to pull this off. 75 volunteers are needed over a two-day period. Once again, we will accept donations the Friday before and the morning of. Look for more details to come soon and save those treasures! Any questions or early volunteer sign ups? Contact Chairperson John Murphy at 760-497-6117.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

SPENDING TIME IN THE DESERT

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)

Spiritual retreats have a long history in Christian practice. Following Jesus' example of retreating to the desert before beginning his public ministry (see Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13) and the Desert Theology of the Old Testament, the wandering in the desert for forty years that was meant to bring about a change of heart, religious hermits throughout Christian history and up to the present day live a life entirely given to the praise of God and the love and, through the hermit's penance and prayers, also the service of all humanity.

Others follow a less extreme path in their spiritual retreats and there are many variations in the practice. Some spend a single day while others an entire week or weeks. Some spend time in silence, others in community. Some work toward individual goals, perhaps with the guidance of a spiritual director, others seek growth through group endeavors.

This month, two retreats are on tap for groups at St. Thomas More. The Confirmation class will be at Kamp Kuper in Escondido for a couple of days as they embark on their final catechetical year before Confirmation in the spring. The Sanctuary Choir will spend a Saturday at Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula sharing time together in extended rehearsal, prayer, and teambuilding activities. The specific goals for these group retreats are likely to be widely divergent, but the general methods by which their time together away from the normal activities of their lives promises to be very similar.

As we enter the fall season and return to our customary routines, I encourage each of us to spend time in retreat, on retreat, on some regular basis, be it a daily sit with an individual prayer resource like *Magnificat* or *The Word among Us* in your favorite chair with the phone off, a weekly solitary walk along the beach or through your neighborhood park marveling at God's creation, a visit to the Prince of Peace Abbey retreat center in Oceanside, or a pilgrimage to honor one of the two new American saints who will be canonized on October 21, Kateri Tekakwitha and Mother Marianne Cope.

May God bless you in your spiritual endeavors this fall and always.

—Douglas



Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 16
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

Got Song?

Handbell Choir

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Praise Team

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm

contact Joleen at 760-295-7170

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

(Religious Education for Adolescents & Children)

Check your Annual Plan for your Home Session

Adult Confirmation

If you are over 18 and have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, NOW would be the time to let me know.



There will be 12 sessions of preparation beginning October 7 and meeting about once a month. Please contact Kathleen Bell to sign up.

Full Initiation in the Catholic Church begins with Baptism, continues with First Communion, and is completed in Confirmation. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to complete your initiation as a Catholic?

Youth Ministry

✦ Phase 1

Sunday, September 16 at noon is the Orientation meeting for teens and parents beginning our High School RE.A.CH program. We look forward to seeing you on the lower level.

✦ Confirmation, Phase 2

Retreat this coming weekend!!! Please turn in your forms to Marcus and continue to pray for this event at home! This is a mandatory event for Phase 2 Confirmation students and is on September 21-23 at Kamp Kuper, Escondido. Please contact Marcus if you have any questions (760-758-4100 x161 or marcus@stmoside.org).

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 277 jars

Catechetical Sunday

The theme of our celebration of Catechetical Sunday this year is: "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization."



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at Mass this Sunday:

*Colleen Abeyta
Cherie Abrahms
Greg Abrahms
Leslie Aguilar
Theresa Allison
Regina Aulio
Dennis Baggett
Anthony Barela
Erin Barela
Kathleen Bell
Marcus Cabrera
Jim Day
Marilyn Day
Mario Diaz
Kathy Egan
Debbie Fredette
Dcn. John Fredette
Valentina Franco
George Gisel
Patt Goeltz
Dcn. Tom Goeltz
Rory Griffin
Bri Hamilton*

*Glory Hartdegen
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Christian Stewardship

Eric McArdle: Half-Hearted Stewards

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If we purchase one item at a discount, we have more money to purchase another desired item. And, if money is tight, sales allow us to purchase what we may not be able to otherwise.

Do you ever find yourself negotiating with God?

As stewards, we commit to tithing a percentage of our income each week, but we may find that an unexpected event occurs that prevents us from fulfilling that commitment in full or in part—the lawnmower breaks, we need extra medicine for our kids, or a travel opportunity that we can't pass up presents itself. Perhaps we rationalize that God will understand.

But what happens is that instead of trusting in God and giving Him our first fruits, we become inverted stewards. We rationalize and decide for ourselves when and how we are going to return our resources to God based on what is left over after satisfying our wants and needs. We keep the control and continue the planning and put God in the backseat, because we know, "God will understand."

When we allow ourselves to remain in control, we do ourselves a huge disservice and we begin to lose the trust we have in God. We don't let God take the wheel because we are just too afraid to let it go.

Giving to God out of what we make isn't about tabulating a list of what we need and seeing what is leftover for God. It's not about fearfully placing an envelope with a tithe of our first fruits in the offertory collection each week.

Giving to God is about gratefulness – wanting to return a portion to God for all the blessings He has given us. In doing so, we know we will never match His generosity, but we receive graces knowing that we are putting God first and trusting He will never let us down.

Don't be a half-hearted Steward. Don't negotiate with God. After all, whatever He has planned for our lives is far better than what we could ever buy for ourselves.

—Eric McArdle, *The Catholic Steward*, September 2012 (with permission)

**“What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if one claims to have faith but has no deeds?
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—James 2:14

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Collection for Week of September 8/9, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,044
Offertory*	\$	9,329.17
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,696.00
Children's envelopes		6.00
Total	\$	11,031.17

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish_office@stmoside.org.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Volunteers Needed at Birth Choice of Oceanside—Training provided for those interested in volunteering as counselors for this pro-life, Christ-centered, pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, contact Mary Rose Stearns at 760-434-5063 or mrstearns@birthchoice.net.

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including a Twilight Retreat on September 21 presented by Fr. Dan.

Pillars of Catholicism Free Online Course—Available at www.pillarsofcatholicism.com. Sponsored by John Paul the Great University. Includes 13 half-hour videos and supporting materials.

Cub Scout Sign-Up Night in Vista—Friday, September 21, 7:00pm, Fr. Ullman Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Designed for boys ages 7-10. For more information, contact Rick Gandolfo at 760-736-4658.

St. Pio's Feast Day Celebration in Spring Valley—Sunday, September 23, with activities beginning at 1:30pm and Mass at 4:15pm celebrated by Retired Auxiliary Bishop Chavez at Santa Sophia Parish, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

Starry, Starry Night Event to Benefit Voices for Children—Saturday, September 29, Rancho Valencia Resort. Voices for Children serves abused and neglected children in San Diego County foster care. For more information, contact Rebecca Reyes at 858-598-2232 or RebeccaR@speakupnow.org.

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) "Pro-Life Is Good" Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 13, 5:30pm, Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., San Diego. Keynote address by Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. For more information, contact www.colfsgala.com or 619-692-4401.

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

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Friar Feast Taste—Friday, October 5, 6:00-9:00pm. Taste of the Town event for adults over 21 plus Mega Draw Raffle.

Friar Fest 2012—Sunday, October 7, 9:00am-6:00pm with live entertainment, food, blessing of animals, dog show, fun zone, games, contests, and vendors.

For more information, contact Julie Kaiser at 760-945-8044 or visit www.stfrancis-vista.org and click Friar Fest.



Cathedral Catholic High School Open House—Saturday, October 20, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Open to families and students of all ages. Will include tours, panel sessions, and an information fair. For more information, visit www.cathedralcatholic.org or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x102 to meet Parish families with students at Cathedral Catholic.

White Mass for Health Care Workers in San Diego—Saturday, October 27, 10:00am, St. Thérèse of Carmel Parish, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Please join Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores and Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) staff for Mass and a reception to honor all health care workers. Co-sponsored by St. Gianna Physician's Guild and COLFS. All those who work in the health care fields are invited. For more information, contact 619-692-4401 or esantana@colfs.org.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated—November 9-11, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. For more information, contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—November 25-December 6, with Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM, Associate Pastor of Mission San Luis Rey Parish. For more information, call Linda and Don Patera at 619-370-90654.

Pauline Books and Media—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

Foster Children Need Advocates—Voices for Children is looking for volunteers to be Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Information meetings on May 22 and June 6. For more information, call 858-598-2235 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series and outreach projects., plus a Young Adult Retreat coming up September 21-23 and a Leadership In-Service on October 4.

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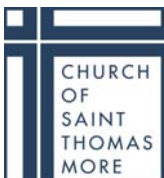
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3. What to Do in a Medical Emergency If You Don't Know CPR

A 90-minute PowerPoint presentation that explains how to recognize an emergency even before a collapse, how to properly and quickly get trained medical responders to the scene and what to do while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

No certification provided

Schedule of Classes

All classes are held on the lower level of the Parish Center

Adult CPR/AED

Saturday, September 22 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 13 9:00 a.m. to 12:00noon

Fee: \$37 per person; includes American Red Cross certification card

Infant/Child CPR

Saturday, October 20 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Fee: \$37 per person; includes American Red Cross certification card

Hands-Only CPR

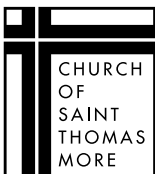
Friday, September 21 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

No fee

Lecture: What to Do in a Medical Emergency If You Don't Know CPR

Sunday, October 14 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

No fee



If you are beyond high school years and would like to celebrate the

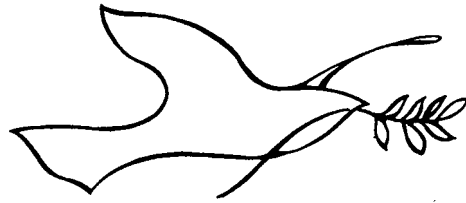
Sacrament of Confirmation

we welcome you to a process of preparation:

a simple,

informative, and

refreshing understanding of the basics and beauty of Catholicism



There are 12 sessions, Sundays, from 5:00-6:30pm:

10.07.12

11.04.12

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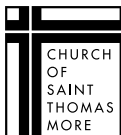
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If you would like to participate in Confirmation 2013 and the preparation process,

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